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TO USMISSION GENEVA

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

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SUBJECT:INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS INQUIRY

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM NIAL MACDERMOT, SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS AT GENEVA REGARDING AVAILABILITY OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGH EXCHANGE PROGRAM OF BRINGING QUALIFIED STUDENTS UNIVERSITY OF BOTSWANA AND SWAZILAND FOR LAW STUDY IN US WITH EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. DEAN OF FACULTY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, BOTSWANA, RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN IMPORTANT ICJ SEMINAR DAR ES SALAAM ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN ONE-PARTY STATES, SEEKS ADVICE REGARDING YOUNG MAN ABSOLUTELY DEVOTED AND INTERESTED IN THE STUDY OF LAW WITH EMPHASIS ON PRESERVING THE RULE OF LAW. DEAN ASKS WHERE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ESPECIALLY IF SUCH A
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MAN ACCEPTED BY A UNIVERSITY BUT SHORT ON FUNDING.

2. FOR GENEVA. PLEASE CONSULT MR. MACDERMOT AND ADVISE HIM IN FULL OF OUR MESSAGE TO GABORONE BELOW, LET GABORONE AND DEPARTMENT KNOW IF HE WISHES GABORONE PROCEED AS BELOW AND WITH WHAT SUGGESTION FOR VARIED OR ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS IN APPROACH.

3. FOR GABORONE. PLEASE CONTACT DEAN MALIE AND REPORT WITH GREATER SPECIFICITY ON EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, QUALIFICATIONS, CAREER GOALS AND GENERAL BACKGROUND OF STUDENT. NATURALLY, EMBASSY SHOULD MAKE NO COMMITMENT BUT SHOULD SEEK PROVIDE HELPFUL ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS AT THIS POINT.

4. FYI. DEPARTMENT WILL BE WILLING ON BASIS INFORMATION RECEIVED CONTACT PROFESSOR JAMES C.N. PAUL, AN AUTHORITY IN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CIVIL RIGHTS FIELD IN US WHO HELPED FOUND AND DIRECT FORD FINANCED PROGRAM FOR STAFFING AFRICA INSTITUTE OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (SAILER), SERVED FOR 4 YEARS AS DEAN AT ADDIS ABABA LAW FACULTY AND IS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL LEGAL CENTER IN NEW YORK OR OTHERS. IN THIS WAY DEPARTMENT MIGHT BE ABLE HELP ADVISE ON LOCATING SUITABLE LAW SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES IN AFRICA AND HERE, DEPENDING ON YOUNG MAN'S NEEDS AND QUALIFICATIONS. IN GENERAL, AMERICAN EXPERIENCE THIS AREA STRONGLY SUGGESTS WISDOM GAINING FIRST DEGREE IN AFRICAN LAW FACULTY WHERE TEACHING IS ORIENTED TO PROBLEMS OF COUNTRY WHERE STUDENT PROPOSES PRACTICE OR ENTER PUBLIC SERVICE. HOWEVER, OTHER COURSES OF ACTIONS CAN BE AND HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFULLY PURSUED, ESPECIALLY WHEN NO ADEQUATE LOCAL INSTITUTION AVAILABLE.

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5. EMBASSY SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT GOOD AMERICAN LAW SCHOOLS WILL REQUIRE AB OR ITS EQUIVALENT FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR JD (OLD LLB) AND WILL REQUIRE FIRST LAW DEGREE FOR ADMISSION TO CANDIDACY FOR LL.M.

6. AS FOR STATE DEPARTMENT FINANCIAL HELP, IT MIGHT RANGE FROM COST OF TRAVEL - E.G. ONE ROUND-TRIP TO THE STATES, - TO PARTIAL OR FULL SUPPORT OF TUITION AND MAINTENANCE. IF POST INTERESTED IN NOMINATING THE STUDENT FOR CU FUNDING, IT SHOULD SUBMIT EITHER TRAVEL GRANT APPLICATION OR IIE APPLICATION; VANCE

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